

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Consultation and Repatriation, Great Sand Dunes National Park

Discipline: Cultural

Type of Project: Technical Assistance and Education

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Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Colorado at Boulder

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Project Abstract: This scope of work addresses the need for American Indian cultural affiliation consultation work for Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The goal of this project is to identify and then individually and collectively consult with American Indian tribes for the purpose of repatriation of human remains and to proceed with publication of the notice of inventory completion in the national register to meet the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. The project will also provide consultation with tribe which will lead to a common Memorandum of Agreement that proves guidance on future inadvertent discoveries of human remains subject to NAGPRA. This project should ensure that accurate, complete, fair, and impartial determinations are made on the cultural affiliation of these particular human remains. CU-Boulder researchers will work with the National Park Service to facilitate consultation meetings potentially leading to repatriation of park NAGPRA collections. The tasks to be performed are:

- 1) Travel to consultation meeting to provide technical expertise on human remains analysis and historic context for the tribal participants and the park.
- 2) Provide reimbursement of costs to tribal members for their attendance at the consultation meeting.

Outcomes with Completion Dates: The cooperators will: 1) Construct a "Notice of Inventory Completion" to be published in the Federal Register to meet the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. And will facilitate consultation meetings between potentially affiliated American Indian tribes and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve leading to the potential repatriation of the human remains in the park's possession. Dates for completion will be agreed on once the work plan has been negotiated. No written report is required.

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